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AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bangalore has signed an agreement with Institute Aeronautiquæt Spatiate of France;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the advantages of the agreement to the country;

(d) whether any Indian universities will be involved;

(e) if so, the role of Indian Institution in this collaboration; and

(f) the details of the other joint venture signed by HAL with France?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The objectives of the agreement are to support and develop industrial cooperation in the aeronautics and space sectors between India, France and Europe; to promote and help a better understanding between the Indian, French and European aeronautics and space sectors; and to promote commercial exchanges between India, France and Europe in the aeronautic and space sectors.

(c) This will give an opportunity to the executives of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to gain specialisation in the field of aviation, and provide exposure in the latest technologies and management techniques.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Snecma, France have signeda Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for formation of a Joint Venture Company for production of aero-engine, sub-assemblies and investment castings for the Indian and international markets.